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## APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 12 asked by Sri N. K. Palanisami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 20th April 1959, page 13 supra.]

**G.O. No. 1686, Health 21st May 1956.**

Universal Childrens' Day—Observance of in the State—Orders issued.

The Government of India have decided that the 'Universal Children's Day' should be celebrated throughout India from the year 1956 onwards on the 14th November of every year as this date has a happy association with the birthday of the Prime Minister of India, when children are jubilant and in festive mood throughout India. The day should be declared a holiday for all the boys' and girls' schools (not Colleges) in the State and the educational institutions should celebrate the day in a fitting manner.

2. The Government desire that the following points should be impressed on all the authorities concerned with the observance of the Day :—

(1) The celebration is intended for the children. Children should acquire awareness of the Day through active participation and enjoyment. Adults and parents should remain in the background and refrain from excessive speech-making and lectures, which mean very little to children.

(2) There may be processions and group activities like mass children rallies, exhibitions of children's works and display of articles of all description of child crafts, sports, plays, tableaux, variety entertainments and cinema shows and the like.

(3) Debates, singing, painting, handicraft and other competitions may be organized and prizes may be awarded.

(4) Exchange of greetings and gifts by children among themselves which will stimulate brotherly feeling may be encouraged.

(5) Baby and toddler shows and award of prizes for healthy ones may be arranged.

(6) Attention and care of the physically and mentally handicapped children and orphans will be a sound practice.

(7) Distribution of milk, sweets, books, pencils and other useful articles will be highly appreciated by the children.

(8) Gifts in cash or kind may be welcomed but there should be no selling of flags or collection of charity.

(9) The day should serve to promote the ideals of fraternity and understanding between children and should be celebrated as one on which children learn themselves, through co-operative celebration, the part they can play in building a better world.

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3. Collectors are requested to arrange for the observance of the Day in a suitable manner enlisting the active support and co-operation of cultural professional, trade union and social welfare organizations. The Director of Public Health, the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards are requested to issue suitable instructions to the officers and institutions under their control for observing the Day and give necessary advice and suggestions to the district boards, municipal councils and panchayats and to the private educational, cultural and social welfare organisations for celebrating the Day.

#### APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 14 asked by Sri N. K. Palanisami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 20th April 1959, page 14 supra.]

The Minimum Wages (Central) Advisory Board at its meeting held in April 1954 recommended that the appropriate Governments and wages fixing authorities should regard the following as the lowest minimum rates of wages for an adult worker for a normal working day which should be fixed under Minimum Wages Act depending upon such areawise and employmentwise classification of employments on the basis of existing wage levels as may be made by the appropriate Governments :—

					RS.	A.	P.
Class A	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Class B	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
Class C	...	...	...	...	1	6	0
Class D	...	...	...	...	1	2	0

In giving effect to the recommendation the Board's view is that if the increase to be made in existing wages is sharp, the increase may be made in a phased manner within a period of three years. If the increase to be made is likely to cause unemployment, such increase as is feasible may be made from time to time the matter being reviewed once in a year.

The minimum rates of wages fixed for all scheduled employments except the employment in Mica Works were reviewed subsequent to the recommendation of the Board. The rates of wages fixed for the employment in woollen carpet-making and shawl weaving establishments were, after a review in 1957, continued by the Government as this number of workers employed in those establishments in this State was only 250. In all other cases of scheduled employments in which the rates were reviewed and revised, the Board's recommendation was taken into consideration. If minimum wages for any scheduled employment are fixed or revised in future, Board's recommendation will be taken into consideration.